

Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 18th May 2017

Meeting started at 7.53

In attendance:, Paul Bainbridge(Chair), Alison Bainbridge, Tom Nellist, Sue Rudd, Bob Wood; Jim Callow;
 Ralph Barber (Vice Chair), Martin Kirk; Jonathan Beech; Rachael Leake; Sarah Winwood;
 Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk) 3 members of the public

1.	Apologies Steve Scotcher, Kevin Hewison, Simon Dent, Ed Simcock	<i>Actions</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3. 3.1 3.2 3.3	Open Discussion/Public Forum Report from local police Sent by e mail. Chair commented that the police report was some what less specific than previously. Report from Ward Councillor – None sent. Public Comments /questions – Sue Rudd said that she had been asked by a parishioner to mention flooding in Preston Wynne. She will inform the clerk of exactly where this is and the localities steward will be informed.	<i>SR to tell clerk where this is happening.</i>
4.	Acceptance of Minutes of parish Council Meeting on March 18th 2017. Proposed: RL Seconded : AB Agreed Unanimously. The Minutes were duly accepted.	
5.	Action Points from last meeting: Clerk to invite Kevin Bishop to the July meeting. Clerk to follow up Sonas House problems with Dave Greenow	<i>Clerk to follow these up.</i>
6.	Neighbourhood Plan - Update RB explained that he had gone out for proposals for a consultant. Only one person had returned a response and he was still going through this. He and the Chair are to attend a meeting on the 22 nd to hear what the council will be doing with parishes who are not undertaking a NDP.	<i>RB to continue this work.</i>
7.	Update on Withington Fields – The clerk informed the meeting that the recent playground inspection showed that one of the zip line support legs was completely rotten and another was on the way. Happily they are still under warranty and we are waiting for Wicksteed to replace them. Three items from the trim trail are to be moved to the childrens play area so that they actually get used. Steve Caine asked if a local pest control person could shoot the rabbits who are currently digging up the football pitch. The chair asked for permission from the PC to authorise shooting on the PC's land. All were in favour as long as safety and insurance were verified.	<i>Clerk to check that insurance and licencing are all in place before the shooting happens. Rabbits to be removed.</i>
8.	Lengthsman and P3 PC have entered into the contract for BB to fund some of this work. Chair talked about the problems at the corner of Duke St up to the field to Veldo Lane. The style is inaccessible at the moment.	<i>Clerk to submit contract.</i>
9.	Footpaths officer report.	

	<p>Martin Kirk fed back to the meeting that a field off Veldo Lane , WT12, had been ploughed up and the three choirs way footpath has been ploughed up, and no path has been reinstated. WT9a also has the same problem, with the path being ploughed and drilled, WT9 also has barbed wire and stock fencing blocking the path. All of these have been reported to both our localities steward, and directly to the PROW team at BB. The style on the path to Rachels farm is impassable. A bigger concern is walkers informing us that tractor drivers are haranguing them saying that they are trespassing.</p> <p>RL explained that when crops start to grow, a path with weedkiller is sprayed to ensure that the path is obvious and passable. MK explained that this was not the problem at the moment, it was the fact that the ground was ploughed in furrows that many pedestrians found impassable – he asked whether these would be flattened out – and the answer was unclear.</p> <p>Jim C: no problem with Westhide footpaths It was thought there was no problem with Preston Wynne paths.</p>	<p><i>Clerk and FO to continue chasing BB to ensure footpaths are reinstated.</i></p>																								
10	<p>Tree warden report. None.</p>																									
11	<p>To discuss moving to monthly meetings Chair suggested that this was unnecessary as long as we can get the planning sorted out with bi monthly meetings. It was resolved to continue with bi monthly meetings.</p>																									
12	<p>To note contents of the information sheet Done</p>																									
13. A	<p>Matters Financial Balances Balances as at End April : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct: £ 6281.60 : Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct: £ 5,345.28 : Lloyds Bank – Parish Account: £ 16,717.71 Confirmed by Chair</p>	<p><i>(This includes £2,276.46 BB Overpayment)</i></p>																								
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C.	<p>Receipts From: Hereford council ½ precept payment</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£ 9000.00</p>	
d.	<p>Request for financial aid Assistance was asked towards fixing the wall at Westhide church. The Chair outlined what was needed, and explained that they were asking for contributions towards the project. The total sum will be £450 plus VAT, RB suggested that we pay the full amount (with out VAT). Seconded by TN . All in favour.</p>	<p><i>RB to let clerk have details for the cheque.</i></p>
13.	<p>Planning - discussion led by the Chair on the following:-</p> <p>171011 – 7 Meadow Crescent, Preston Wynne Amendment. ‘No objection’ recommended, seconded AB.</p> <p>171410 – Land adjacent to the village hall, Preston Wynne Outline application. Identical to the application 160473, which the PC objected to. This was refused by the county for 4 reasons. The chair stated that we could only consider the info that was on the counties web site. The land owner was present and tried to add futher information, but without written support this info could not be accepted. ‘as there is no obvious change on the web site, we would continue to object to this application as it is contrary to policy’. Chair recommended ‘no’ seconded by RB. 6 in favour of objection, the rest abstaining.</p> <p>171457 – Unit 1b, Whitestone business park. Similar to the one previously considered by the PC. Just in a different unit. ‘No objection’ PB seconded RL.</p> <p>171052 – Land North of the Bungalow, Preston Wynne Variation of a condition . ‘No comment’ to be submitted.</p> <p>170636 - Land adjacent to Ramblers Court The PC have been reconsulted on this one as the planners did not like the buildings orientation on the plot. House now faces west. JB commented on the removal of lots of trees was a pity. Pc to submit a ‘no objection’ to this. Moved: RL seconded: AB Most in favour, one against.</p> <p>171442 – 1 The Wharf, cross keys Extension. Chair suggested that it didn’t affect any one in the parish. Suggested ‘no objection’, seconded AB all in favour.</p> <p>Planning matters: The chair was looking at section 106 agreement with Southbank development - £140,000 to be paid by the developer for infrastructure in the area. The chair felt that this could be utilised to pay towards SIDs or gates indicating villages. £45,000 for changing facilities at Withington Field. Play area development is £34,268</p> <p>These figures need to be remembered when we think of inputting SIDs. Or the village gates. Either of these could be supported by this funding.</p>	<p><i>Clerk to pass the comments to the planning dept.</i></p>

	When we know when and how much money we will have in reality, the clerk will contact the Speed Enforcement team to ask them for a meeting to discuss how best they feel that we could spend this money.																			
14.	Receive Items for the next agenda: As usual.																			
	Pc goes into session – Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item.																			
16	Clerks appraisal There was a discussion about the approval of circulated clerks appraisal and agreement to be sought for the payment of the incremental progression from 1.1.17 and NJCs pay award application to Clerks salary from 1.4.17 It was resolved to make the incremental progression. Proposed: PB Second: BW All in favour.																			
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	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.59pm																			

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

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